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Via facsimile: 1-202-219-3923

Jeff S. Jordan **Supervisory Attorney Federal Election Commission** 999 E. Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

> Complaint #MUR 5651 Re:

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am reviewing your letter to Mr. Joe Gallagher regarding the above numbered complaint. I am faxing herewith a copy of the designation of counsel form.

As you may know Mr. Gallagher chaired a local committee in Blount County, Tennessee on behalf of Kerry For President in the last election cycle. The complaint appears to have arisen because of a division between various factions of local Democrats. On April 14, 2005 a meeting of the local Blount County Democrat party Executive Committee is scheduled at which Mr. Gallagher hopes to satisfy the complaining faction concerning his efforts on behalf of the Kerry Campaign.

I would very much appreciate your contacting me as soon as possible so that we might coordinate our local effort at conciliation with the aim of simultaneously satisfying the complaint in your office.

Yours very truly,

Michael H. Meares

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL Please use one form for each Respondent/Witness FAX (202) 219-392**3**

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.
4-7-05 Joseph C. Hollogher Title
Date Signature Title
RESPONDENT/WITNESS NAME (PRINT): Joseph C. Gallegher
MAILING ADDRESS:
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